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Candidates Speak at Rally Here—

Democrats Rake Bates' Record

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The three candidates for the Democratic Sixth Congressional District nomination believe the formula for success this November is to campaign on a platform of supporting President Kennedy's legislative program.

The office seekers made this a gathering of some 40 persons at a Democratic City Meeting in the Gloucester Hotel.

Their speeches, along with others by a representative of U.S. Senate candidate Edward McCrackin and the three contestants for the 16th Essex Representative nomination, were presented to give Gloucester Democrats an opportunity to meet local office seekers.

JAMES G. ZAFRIS of Groveland, a newcomer to politics, said he was running for Congress because "I am disgusted with Bill Bates' (Rep. William Bates, R. Salem) 13 years in Washington."

"Bates seems to think he owns the seat. I believe he is going to campaign on one issue — his experience in Washington," commented the Dartmouth College graduate.

"I feel he has done nothing but take up space," Zafris exclaimed. "A candidate must have experi-

ence in federal government to compete with Bates, and I feel I have it."

Zafris cited his work with the Central Intelligence Agency in Washington for six and a half years to support his statement.

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representative George O'Shea of Lynn apologized for arriving late but said he had been busy putting up signs.

O'Shea stated he was staking everything on the fact that he could defeat Congressman Bates. He reported he had resigned his seat as a State Representative and given up a position as a guidance counselor in the Lynn public schools to devote full time to the campaign.

A professional social worker, O'Shea promised, if elected, to back Kennedy's social welfare program, including medical care for the aged.

He revealed some new figures he thought would be important in the November election. The redesigned Sixth District now has 64,000 registered Democrats, 77,000 Republicans, and 106,000 Independents, he said. Hence, he thinks, the large cities and independent voters will be the key to election.

THE THIRD PARTY in this primary triangle, Philip O'Donnell, remarked at the beginning of his address that he feels he can do a better job than Bates.

"It is my intention to open up the present Congressman and see if there is anything inside him. Bates has shown a foolish consistency not in the best interests of his constituents," the former Peabody Mayor said.

He then proceeded to attack Bates' record in helping Gloucester. "I see the hustle and bustle

of Congressman Bates in the last several months to 'help' Gloucester," he said.

"Under the present make-up, there is no reason why we can't win," he concluded.

City Chairman Manuel F. Lewis then opened the session to the representative hopefully.

JAMES N. SHEA listed his record and some of the measures he has fought for over the past few years. He said he would be against a sales tax but personally believes a statewide lottery might help Massachusetts financially.

DAVID HARRISON admitted this was his first political speech in his brief foray into politics.

Said Harrison, "I am a Democrat although I have just recently registered. I have voted in every election. I am young, vigorous, and honest."

Harrison asked for the help of all those present to spread the Democratic message in their neighborhood. He thought the Democrats could take the 16th Essex "for the first time since I can remember."

KENNETH STACK, the third candidate, made this brief address: "I will wage a clean campaign and respect my opponents. If elected, I will give the people the same good work I did in the City Council."

After the candidates' remarks, Lewis conducted a regular committee meeting.

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